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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, AF, UN  
SUBJECT: AFGHAN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MAROOFI'S DISCUSSIONS  
WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

REF: (A) STATE 041499; (B) STATE 032932; (C) STATE 032930

1. THE EMBASSY IS VERY PLEASE WITH THE PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES  
REPORTED IN THE REFTELS. MUCH USEFUL GROUNDWORK WAS LAID FOR  
FOLLOW-UP ACTION AT THIS END.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE SUPPLY OF US EQUIPMENT FOR ANTI-  
NARCOTICS OPERATIONS (PARAGRAPH 7, REFTEL A), WE CONTINUE

TO THINK THAT THIS TYPE OF OPERATION SHOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH  
THE UN TO THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE. UNTIL NOW, THE AFGHANS  
HAVE FOUND IT MORE PALATABLE POLITICALLY TO APPEAR TO BE  
DEALING PRIMARILY WITH THE UN IN THIS AREA OF GREAT DOMESTIC  
SENSITIVITY. FOR EXAMPLE, UNFDAC/UNDND HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING  
VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE AFGHAN ANTI-SMUGGLING UNITS  
(ALBEIT USING US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC). TO BEGIN DIRECT  
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BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN THE EQUIPMENT AREA COULD DILUTE AND  
WEAKEN THE UN EFFORTS IN THIS COUNTRY. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE  
THAT OUR OWN ANTI-NARCOTICS STRATEGY IS BETTER SERVED THROUGH  
CONFRONTING THE AFGHANS WITH A MULTI-LATERAL INTERNATIONAL  
APPROACH WHERE THE LATTER FEEL THAT THEY MUST COME TO TERMS  
WITH THE WORLD ON THIS ISSUE. IF THE AFGHAN PERCEIVE THAT NAR-  
COTICS CONTROL IS PRIMARILY A BILATERAL ISSUE WITH THE

USG, THEY ARE INCLINED TO TRY TO "MANAGE" IT WITHIN THE  
CONTEXT OF OUR OTHER POLITICAL GOALS IN THIS REGION. WE  
WANT TO BE ABLE TO LEVER THEM EFFECTIVELY ON NARCOTICS AT  
THE LEAST NECESSARY BILATERAL COST.  
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